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**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE  
UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The postcard has never been returned. Please note that due to an error on our transmittal page, our docket number was mistakenly entered as 508-042.9. It should be 508-042.8. Please correct this

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited today with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Anita Schmetz  
Date: March 6, 2002

for future correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the prosecution of this application. Please also be aware that the International Filing Date is incorrectly entered as "December 28, 2000". The actual International Filing Date is: "June 8, 2000".

We will respond to this Notice of Missing Requirements with the Declaration by the due date of **April 5, 2002**.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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